

U. S. Soldiers Home (Old Soldiers Home),
Corn Rigs (Anderson Cottage)
Entrance at Rock Creek Church Road
and Upshur Street, NW
Washington
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE District of Columbia	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Washington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) U. S. Soldiers Home, Corn Rigs (Anderson Cottage)		HABS NO. DC-353-D
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Old Soldiers Home, Corn Rigs (Anderson Cottage)		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Entrance at Rock Creek Church Road and Upshur Street, NW		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) ca. 1843	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Not known	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Soldiers Home established by Congress in 1851. Corn Rigs was the summer home of George Riggs who sold his farm to the Soldiers Home. House used as first dormitory and as summer retreat for Presidents Buchanan, Lincoln, Hayes and Arthur. Lincoln finished the final draft of the Emancipation Proclamation here. Lincoln also named the building Anderson Cottage in honor of Gen. Robert Anderson, commander of Fort Sumter. STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Carpenter Gothic		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick, covered by stucco		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 2½-story; assymetrical plan; gable roof with cross gables; wooden veranda.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Decorative bargeboards.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 1897: Stucco applied.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Condition in 1975 appeared good.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Schwartz, Nancy B. Historic American Buildings Survey District of Columbia Catalog, 1974. Listed as National Historic Landmark.		
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